

## **Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale in Wayne National Forest**

Dear Karen E. Mouritsen:

My name is Abigail Nypaver and I'm a student at The Ohio State University studying Chemical Engineering. I have reviewed the internet-based lease-sale for parcels of land in Wayne National Forest, and hereby object to the sale put forth by the Federal government concerning over 1,600 acres of mineral rights beneath the forest. My objections refer to the 28 parcels of land, and I object for the reasons outlined below.

Firstly, I would like to highlight the uncertain impacts of fracking on drinking water. Chapter 3 of the EPA's draft of *Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing for Oil and Gas on Drinking Water Resources* states that drinking water quality can be affected by hydraulic fracturing.<sup>1</sup> I also invite you to view videos available on Youtube of people able to ignite their kitchen faucets in fracked areas. It is clear there is not a definitive answer on how to completely avoid these consequences when fracking—except by avoiding it. Additionally, several water access points in the neighboring Zaleski State Forest come from artisan wells with no institutionalized water treatment system. Should this water be contaminated, the hundreds of thousands of people who use that forest would be left without a source of drinking water on the trails.

Second, larger scale fracking in a national forest sets a precedent for other state and national forests. By allowing fracking in the Wayne, it introduces the potential for use of other major public lands to gain energy resources. In the future, national parks such as Yellowstone or Yosemite could no longer be enjoyed if they are stripped for natural resources. There is a reason national forests are deemed "protected". It would be selfish and unfair for us to degrade nationally protected areas for our own benefit, leaving just a shell behind for our children.

Finally, public lands such as national forests are meant for use by the public, not oil and gas industries. I have personally been primitive camping in Wayne National Forest several times. The untouched beauty and wildlife in the forest is unparalleled. I can only imagine how the infrastructure necessary to frack there would impact the wildlife and other recreational users of the forest, like myself. I urge you to reconsider the sale of this land because the impacts to drinking water, other national parks and forests, as well as wildlife and everyday people could be devastating. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Abigail Nypaver

<sup>1</sup> U.S. EPA. Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing for Oil and Gas on Drinking Water Resources (External Review Draft). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, EPA/600/R-15/047, 2015.



# **LIST OF PARCELS FOR SALE IN WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST**

11/5/2016

**Total # of Parcels: 28**

**Total Acreage: 1,622.11 acres**

**ES-003-12/2016 OHES 058185 ACQ**

Lee Township, Monroe County

Section 8, SENW, S2SWNE.

**60 acres**

**ES-004-12/2015 OHES 058186 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 14, NESE, Pt. SESE

**47.00 acres**

**ES-005-12/2016 OHES 058187 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 19, W2SE

**79.15 acres**

**ES-006-12/2016 OHES 058188 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 20, S3/4 NESW

**30.03 acres**

**ES-007-12/2016 OHES 058189 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 25

**94.72 acres**

**ES-008-12/2016 OHES 058190 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 26, NESW, Pt. NWSW

**78.25 acres**

**ES-009-12/2016 OHES 058191 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 27, SENW

**40.00 acres**

**ES-010-12/2016 OHES 058192 ACQ**

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 31, NESE  
**38.96 acres**

**ES-011-12/2016 OHES 058193 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 31, SESE  
**38.96 acres**

**ES-012-12/2016 OHES 058194 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 32, Pt. W2SW  
**64.30 acres**

**ES-013-12/2016 OHES 058195 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 33, NESW  
**40.13 acres**

**ES-014-12/2016 OHES 058196 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 34, Pt. SENE  
**15.12 acres**

**ES-015-12/2016 OHES 058197 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 34, Pt. NENW  
**30.23 acres**

**ES-016-12/2016 OHES 058198 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 34, Pt. NWNW  
**22.14 acres**

**ES-017-12/2016 OHES 058199 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 35, Pt. SENSWSWE  
**30.64 acres**

**ES-018-12/2016 OHES 058200 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 35, Pt. W2SWSW  
**0.86 acres**

**ES-019-12/2016 OHES 058201 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 36, SESW, Pt. W2SW  
**39.65 acres**

**ES-029-12/2016 OHES 058211 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 36, NENE  
**40.22 acres**

**ES-030-12/2016 OHES 058212 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 3, Pt. N2SE  
**28.00 acres**

**ES-031-12/2016 OHES 058213 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 6, Pt. NE  
**56.00 acres**

**ES-032-12/2016 OHES 058214 ACQ**  
Green Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 1, SWSW, Sec. 7, N2SE, SESE  
**158.62 acres**

**ES-033-12/2016 OHES 058215 ACQ**  
Washington Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 18 Pt. W2NE, Pt. NW  
**58.14 acres**

**ES-034-12/2016 OHES 058216 ACQ**  
Wayne Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 3, NWNW  
**40.24 acres**

**ES-035-12/2016 OHES 058217 ACQ**  
Liberty Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 29, Pt. S2SESE  
**1.17 acres**

**ES-030-12/2016 OHES 058212 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 3, Pt. N2SE  
**28.00 acres**

Sec. 19, Pt. SW, Pt. NW  
**73.25 acres**

**ES-020-12/2016 OHES 058202 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 15, Pt. SWNE  
**2.53 acres**

**ES-021-12/2016 OHES 058203 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 20, NENE  
**40.08 acres**

**ES-022-12/2016 OHES 058204 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 20, NENW  
**40.00 acres**

**ES-023-12/2016 OHES 058205 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 20, NWNE  
**40.00 acres**

**ES-024-12/2016 OHES 058206 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 21, S2SE, E2SW  
**157.44 acres**

**ES-025-12/2016 OHES 058207 ACQ**  
Perry Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 34, NESESE  
**10.16 acres**

**ES-026-12/2016 OHES 058208 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 30, SESE  
**39.98 acres**

**ES-027-12/2016 OHES 058209 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County  
Sec. 30, Pt. N2SE  
**64.72 acres**

**ES-028-12/2016 OHES 058210 ACQ**  
Jackson Township, Monroe County